

binding specifically to the affinity matrix is a maltose binding protein or portion thereof sufficient to bind to amylose, the affinity matrix is an amylose matrix, and the ribonucleoprotein complex is eluted from the amylose matrix with maltose or a maltose analog. The method may comprise contacting the RNA affinity substrate with the fusion protein, such that the fusion protein binds specifically to the affinity tag, prior to contacting the RNA affinity substrate with the protein mixture.

Please substitute the paragraph at page 19, lines 23-31 with the following replacement paragraph:

TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGACCGGCAGATCAGCTTGGCCGCGTCCATCTGGTCATCTA
GGATCTGATATCATCGATGAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCCCGTTCGTCCTCACTCTCTTCCGCAT
CGCTGTCTGCGAGGGCCAGCTGTTGGGGTGAGTACTCCCTCTCAAAGCGGGCATGACTTC
TGCCCTCGAGTTATTAACCCTCACTAAAGGCAGTAGTCAAGGGTTTCCTTGAAGCTTTCGTG
CTGACCCTGTCCCTTTTTTTTCCACAGCTGCAGGTCGACGTTGAGGACAACTCTTCGCGGT
CTTTCCAGTACTCTTGGATCCGATATCCGTACACCATCAGGGTACGAGCTAGCCCATGGCGT
ACACCATCAGGGTACGACTAGTAGATCTCGTACACCATCAGGGTACGGAATTCTCTAGAGT
CGAGTTCTATAGTGTCACCTAAAT (SEQ ID NO: 11).